

Wenfield April 2^d 1841

We have had your very letter and are about
sure when your last arrived. I was glad to hear of your & Jane's
and it is a poor look at your old place. Your Mother has not
been well for some time. She got on the ice and hurt her back
and took a severe cold, but she is much better. Jane is still complaining
she has commenced keeping a sewing school in Abgr. We had a letter
from David and Fanny at Montreal. They are both going back to
Scotland this summer. Your Aunt intends going by N. York. He
will likely trouble you before he goes. We had letters from Bromore
and Mrs. Griswold last week. Mr. Rose is dead. Also William
and James Mr. Hughes' sons at Brightgate. Both of scarlet fever.
James Simplicien Jr^r Molon Hill, is also dead, which is a great
mortality in that master, and should be a warning to us all, to pray more
for that solemn event, and not to set our affections, in moderation,
upon earthly things. I trust that you mind your Bible, and a little
Church when in your power, which is the only way in which we
can expect comfort and happiness here or hereafter.

The weather has been favourable for some time. We commenced plough-
ing on the 26th March. All the oat ground is done, and we, yesterday
sowed our wheat. The sugar season has not been good, we have made
only about 16 lbs. We have purchased a nice men of the garden
that painted out 10 bushels of turnips for us, and if they do
well, intend to do a good deal that year. I am very loath to say
that there is a great death among the birds, very few have been
of some of our own sorts, none have taken. The birds have been
bad. We could not sell a great many trees now of we had
had them: you must imagine what you can get up for or there

at we can this spring but there is a great difficulty in getting grafts, there being very few on our own trees that are fit for any use. I hope that you will be able to dispose of the government bushes, a very few will do us here in the mean time.

John has been working at the sawmill for a month, putting in a new wheel. He is just finishing his own place. The wheel is in, and in a short time he will be ready to begin operations. There is great lack of both a first and a second being made in the opposite side of the creek to the present sawmill. Mr. Spragg is come to town, and is to do all the business. Your old friend Mr. Scott is very busy in the affair. There is a proposal of erecting another mill by the Farmers in shares. There is to be a meeting about it to-morrow. I think there will be no want of mills in this locality. The Miller has plans well prepared for a new house on the side of the creek. I think that he will be settled here very soon. By last accounts, we were sorry to learn that grandmother lives very poorly, apparently near her death. I expect to hear of her decease before long. Grandfather is wonderfully well.

I am glad to hear that you have made so much progress in French. By a little trouble to the verbs and their terminations in the grammar, you will readily master them. It might be a good plan to buy a new Testament in French. It would assist you in translation. If you were in lower Canada you would get it speaking there. Think that Hamilton would be a good place but we must have patience until we get clear news. Shannon is left and gone to Blenheim. One of our cows had 2 lambs yesterday. What did Briga at Hamilton say about the paper? I expected her to be past pair for half a year, we have had the

lend us a paper now and then. I am sorry to state that we had to shoot our dogs, on account of hydrocephalus. We yet much alarmed, and it was lucky that we all escaped without danger, after being so unfortunate. I am very anxious about having any more of him. I suppose that the pumpkin seed sent was by the large bird. Could you send in a paper or letter, a small portion of seed of the Red top grass, it is much recommended by the State people. It should be a good

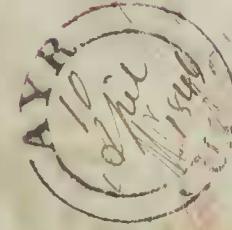
bully grass as we at present. Mr. Bruce, after being constantly intebriated, has since the Lettuce case and is becoming a changed man. Write, make inquiries about the carriage to N York in course of the summer.

Please to soon. Remember visiting men of your age and manners give sufficient information.

In haste,

what we can this spring - but there is a great difficulty in

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